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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER SAYS GOJ IS WORKING TO RELEASE
JORDANIAN PRISONERS FROM GUANTANAMO

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[C](#). PORGES-MUBANGO EMAIL

Classified By: Ambassador David Hale for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

[1](#). (C) Recent public statements imply that the GoJ is ready and willing to receive Jordanian detainees from Guantanamo, but privately GOJ officials insist they need more information from the USG. According to press reports on January 31, Foreign Minister Khatib told two members of parliament that the GoJ was working to release all Jordanians held at Guantanamo, and that two would soon be released.

[2](#). (C) Mahmoud al-Hamoud, head of the Foreign Ministry's legal office, told poloff on January 31 that the GoJ was still considering our request that Jordan accept detainees Abu Kabir and al Hussein and provide assurances on them. Hamoud also reaffirmed that the GoJ needed complete biographical data on all Jordanians held in Guantanamo before it could evaluate the transfer framework agreement (refs A and B). In a new request, Hamoud also asked for the names and biodata of all the Jordanians previously held and released from Guantanamo.

[3](#). (C) Post understands that the USG has only four confirmed and one possible Jordanian detainee in custody at Guantanamo (ref C). Post also understands that State and Defense are working to provide complete names and biodata for these five. Post also requests Washington consider meeting Hamoud's request for similar biodata for all former Jordanian detainees held at Guantanamo.

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